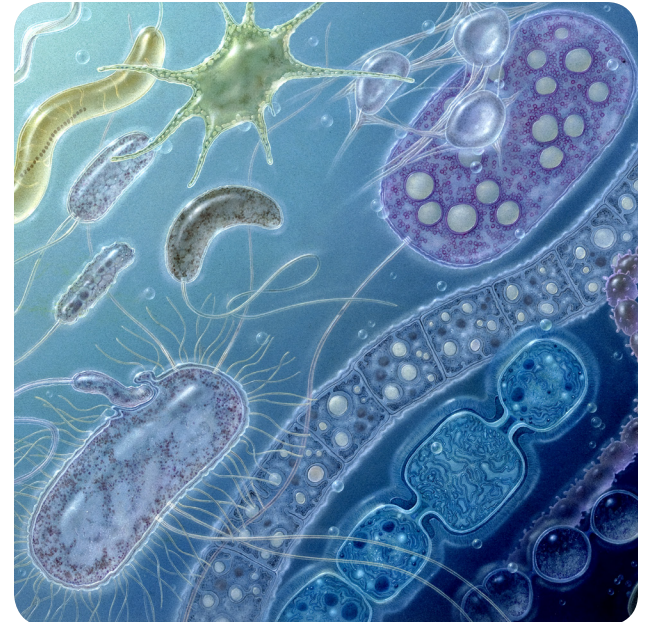




agriculture

bacteria



The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.

Microscopic, one-celled organisms.



compost

decomposers



Decomposing plant and animal matter that is used to fertilize soil.

Bacteria and fungi that get energy from the matter in dead organisms and waste.



decomposition

ecosystem



The breaking down of dead organisms into their chemical and mineral parts.

A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.



fungus

snwny



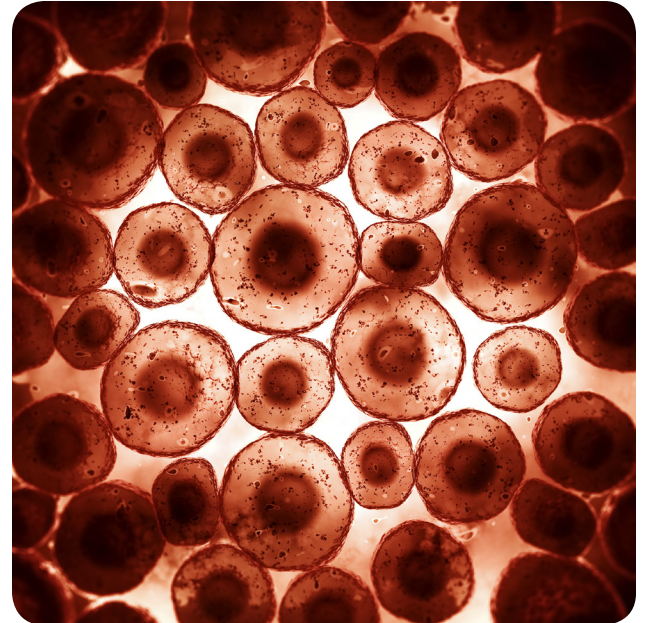
An organism, such as a mushroom, that gets energy and matter primarily from other dead organisms.

The dark brown or black layer in soil that consists of decayed organic matter.



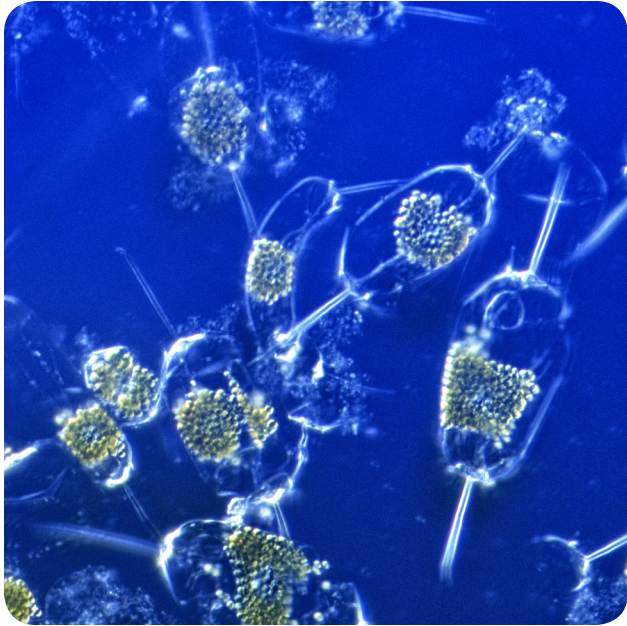
landfill

matter



A place where solid waste, such as garbage and trash, is taken and buried.

What all things are made of.



microorganism

nutrient



A very small organism that can be seen only with the aid of a microscope.

A substance that provides nourishment for growth and energy to a living thing.



scavenger

topsoil



An animal that gets its energy and matter by eating dead organisms.

The dark, fertile, uppermost layer of soil.



waste

waste management



Undigested foods and liquids that are not used by the body and are expelled; or, materials and products that humans cannot use.

The system of collecting, transporting, and processing waste created by humans.